



# Shepherd's Crossing

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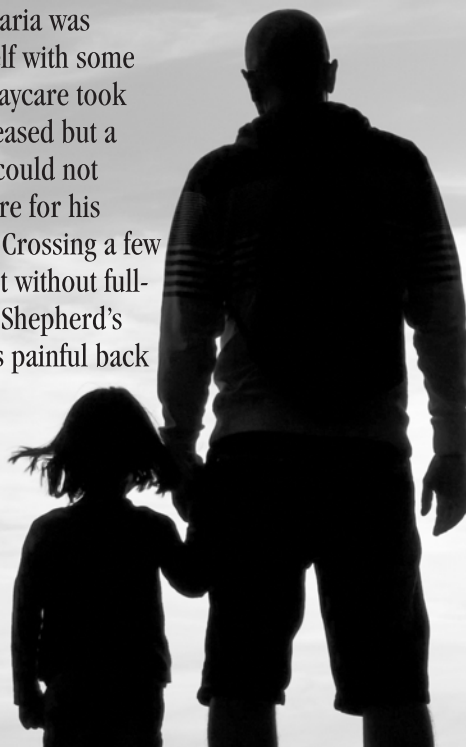
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*Share your blessings—Make a difference*

## Meet Luis: Learning How to Help His Family

Maria, a native Kansan, married Luis in Costa Rica, then moved back to Kansas. After four daughters were born in seven years Maria was sentenced to prison. Luis has raised his daughters by himself with some help from friends. Luis struggled to support his family because daycare took much of his income. As the children grew older, child care decreased but a back injury reduced the number of hours Luis could work. Luis could not afford health insurance, therefore he went without needed medical care for his injury while he continued to work part-time. Luis came to Shepherd's Crossing a few times for financial assistance. He was embarrassed to ask for help, but without full-time wages he could not pay all of his bills. During one of his visits to Shepherd's Crossing some of the counselors realized that Luis needed care for his painful back and arrangements were made for Luis to receive some free medical care. Those services provided much relief. His employer also gave him responsibilities that were less physically demanding. With the personal attention and caring spirit, Shepherd's Crossing counseling is one element of a caring community that met the needs of one of our families.

*Warren Holmes, Director of Client Services*



## Updates and News from Shepherd's Crossing



Coach Bill Snyder with grant recipients

### From the Director: Road Race Supports Four Charities

On May 19th the 4th Annual Bill Snyder Highway Half and 5K presented by Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center took place. They not only wanted to throw a great event but also wanted to raise money for a great cause. This year, Coach

Snyder selected four charities to receive the funds: Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, Shepherd's Crossing, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation and Good Shepherd Hospice House.

The Shepherd's Crossing volunteers were among over 300 other volunteers working that day. We handed out water and refreshments at the finish line. What fun! From the proceeds, we received \$3,000. Because of the event and donation, we are thrilled to be able to help many more families with their rent or utility bills.

*—Beverly Olson*

### Social Media Update

Bridget Stanton, owner of Bridge Digital Marketing, continues to build awareness by weekly postings on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We are reaching thousands of people each week, thereby creating more awareness throughout the state. Each posting includes the opportunity for the viewer to donate. We have received some donations directly attributable to Bridget's work Thanks for doing a great job!

## From the President



Dave Rogers

*Shepherd's Crossing—a hand up, not a hand out.*

Easier said than done but the ultimate goal is to have clients heal, grow and eventually even become donors. Let me say how much I appreciate everyone associated with this organization. I appreciate

you all tremendously! Beverly, Warren, Beth, all the volunteers, board members, and those at our member churches do a wonderful job of supporting those in need in our community. A hand up, not a hand out. There is plenty of handing out that happens, and that is great because it is done with a purpose of identifying help and assistance for the client. This is where the stress on all our staff and volunteers is understated but hopefully not underappreciated because it is really easier to *enable* people with gifts than it is to *empower* them with knowledge, skills, ability, and most often simply confidence, belief, and desire. Our community is incredibly generous in *time*, *talent* and *treasure*. See our story, share our story, and if possible be a part of our story.

*—Dave Rogers*

*Shepherd's Crossing's mission is to provide compassionate and caring assistance to those in need of a listening ear and financial support.*

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Save the date October 27



Get ready to run or walk in the 7th Annual C. Clyde Fun Run and Midge's Mile. The College of Business Administration is sponsoring the run. We will be asking sponsors to sign up in July to be sure to get their logo on the shirts. Once again we will sponsor a Greek house competition among sororities and fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma

and Delta Upsilon will defend the possession of the traveling trophies which they won last year. First United Methodist Church will try to keep the trophy for the church with the most participants. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at Bosco Plaza on the K-State campus. Manhattan Running Company is timing the run and will provide online registration. Casey Carver will be the race director.

Congratulations



Beverly Olson

On June 3rd, the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus presented its annual Award of Harmony to our own Beverly Olson. "The award recognizes individuals who create "harmony"—those who have created a spirit of togetherness and unity that makes our community a wonderful place to live." Beverly received the award for her work at Shepherd's Crossing. The verbal presentation included her role in meeting the needs of the thousands of families who come to the Crossing for assistance. The printed announcement said,

"Beverly Olson lives her faith through the mission of Shepherd's Crossing."

On May 14th, the Meadowlark Hills Foundation presented its annual Legacy Award to C. Clyde Jones. The Legacy Award recognizes citizens who have supported the Meadowlark Hills Foundation and have impacted the community through service.

Grants Update

We submitted proposals to the City for \$50,000, the Konza United Way for \$20,000 and the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation for \$6,000.

We will apply for a Memorial Hospital Foundation grant in August. Will we be funded again? Hope springs eternal!



Nicolette Nemeth, Intern



Shepherd's Crossing was one of the most amazing opportunities I have experienced. I never knew there could be so much love and compassion in an organization. It has made me have huge expectations for my future career and the people I will work with. I learned so much from Shepherd's Crossing, but the main thing that stuck with me every day was you can be the light in someone's life if you just open your heart and let God work through you to help them get back on track. When I first started my internship, I remember being extremely nervous and unsure if it was really what I wanted to do. Beverly, Warren, and all the volunteers welcomed me with open arms and helped me grow into the confident person I never thought I could be. They helped me get the most out of the experience by teaching me how to interact with clients in a positive way to help guide them in the right direction. Overall, my favorite part of the internship was helping make a difference in families lives and getting to see some of the great outcomes that came from our efforts at Shepherd's Crossing. I am honored to say I got to do my internship at Shepherd's Crossing and be a part of the amazing Manhattan Community. The support and hard work of the community members to help others is something I will never forget. I have grown so much as a person in the last six months and have everyone at Shepherd's Crossing to thank.

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